WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Revival of Gorakhpur and Sindri Fertilizer Units

*241. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the revival of the Gorakhpur and Sindri units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India, by setting up gas-based brownfield fertilizer plants at the existing sites;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that GAIL has agreed to supply gas to the units by 2010; and

(d) by when the units are scheduled to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal envisages setting up of brownfield gas based fertilizer plants at the existing sites of Gorakhpur and Sindri units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

(c) GAIL has indicated that they have drawn up a plan which may enable supply of natural gas/LNG for revival of these two units.

(d) The revival of these units will depend on their techno-economic viability.

CBI raids in hospitals

*244. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has conducted raids on certain hospitals in Delhi and other cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for conducting raids on these hospitals;

(d) the incriminating documents seized from these concerned hospitals;

(e) whether any arrests have, so far, been made;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the departmental action so far taken or proposed to be taken against the concerned officers of these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (g) Yes, Sir. Recently CBI has registered two cases No. RC 4(A)/2005-ACU-IX and RC. 5(A)/2005-ACU-IX. RC 4(A)/2004-ACU-IX is relating to conspiracy in pursuance of irregularly granting recognition to Homeopathy Medical Colleges as well as granting increase in seats both in Graduation and Post-Graduation level. RC 5(A)/2005-ACU-IX is relating to allegation that the accused persons had entered into a criminal conspiracy with a common object to cheat Government and thereby caused wrongful gain to M/s Nestor Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi, by awarding contract worth Rs. 7.50 Crores (Approximate) for supply of laparoscopes for use in various Government Hospitals in the year 2001-02.

In these cases, searches have been conducted by CBI at (i) Bakson Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital, NOIDA, (ii) Solan Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Chamba Ghat, Solan (HP), (iii) GDM Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Patna, and (iv) Office Premises of the Consultant & Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. Searches were conducted as a part of investigation to collect evidences in these cases. As the cases are under investigation, the details of recoveries/seizures made during the searches are not made available by CBI. No arrests have been made by the CBI. As these cases are still under investigation, no departmental action has been initiated.

Polluted lakes in Andhra Pradesh

*249. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had surveyed the polluted lakes in the country during the last one year especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such surveys made in each district;

(c) the remedial steps taken and to be taken by Government in this regard;